

Claim 21, line 1: Delete "or 20".

A3 22. (Amended) A host cell suitable for expressing an EPO form as defined in claim 1 comprising an expression vector of DNA sequence encoding said EPO form.

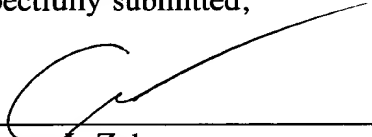
Claim 24, line 1: Delete "any of";

line 2: Delete "the claims 1-18" and insert -- claim 1 -- therefor.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims in order to avoid the additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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